GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO-PAK TALKS ON BORDER ISSUE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has held any dialogue with Pakistan in connection with the border issues;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether J & K Government has submitted any proposal in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (d): Government has been holding a dialogue with Pakistan on a wide range of issues, including border issues, within the framework of the Composite Dialogue. Government takes into account suggestions and recommendations from various authorities. The significant developments in respect of the dialogue on border issues are as follows:

(i) On Sir Creek, meetings of Surveyor Generals have been held and a Joint Survey of the boundary pillars in the horizontal segment of the international boundary has been conducted in January 2005.

(ii) Biannual interactions were held between Border Security Force (BSF) and Pakistan Rangers in 2004 to discuss border related issues, such as defense constructions, illegal border crossings, and boundary pillars maintenance.

(iii) In meetings between Coastguards and Pakistan Maritime Security Agency both sides have agreed to work towards a MoU between the two agencies.

The government is committed to making progress on border related issues within the framework of the Composite Dialogue.